

*This Act was passed
in the 6th Year of
the Reign of his
present Majesty King
George II,*

An ACT to regulate the Ferry between the City of New-York and the Island of Nassau, and to establish the Ferriage thereof.

BE it Enacted by his Excellency the Governor, the Council, and the General Assembly, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same, That from the Twelfth Day of June next ensuing, and at all Times hereafter, the Ferriage for transporting Men, Women, Horses, Cattle, Grain, and all Manner of Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, over the said Ferry, either forward or backward, shall be, and hereby are established, to be and remain after the Rates and Prices following, That is to say,

*Rates to be taken
for Ferriage.*

For transporting every Person from the City of New-York to the Island of Nassau, or from the Island of Nassau to the City of New-York, *Ten Grains of Sevil, Pillar or Mexico Plate, or Two Pence in Bills of Credit, made current in this Colony*; and if after Sun-set, double that Rate; unless a Neglect or Refusal in the Ferry-Man, to transport Passengers over sooner: *Always Provided, That a Sucking-Child, or some Remnants of Goods, or other small Goods (not herein-after-rated) which a Woman carries in her Apron, or a Man or a Boy under his Arm, shall be free from Ferriage.*

For every Horse or Beast, *One Shilling* in like Money.

For every live Calf or Hog, *Four Pence* in like Money.

For every live Sheep or Lamb, *Three Pence* in like Money.

For every dead Hog, *Three Pence* in like Money.

For every dead Sheep, Lamb or Calf, *Two Pence* in like Money.

For every Barrel of Rum, Sugar, Molasses, or other full Barrel, *Eight Pence* in like Money.

For every empty Barrel, *Three Pence* in like Money.

For every empty Pipe or Hogshead, *Nine Pence* in like Money.

For every Beast's Hide, *Three Pence* in like Money.

For every undressed Calf, Sheep or Deer Skin, *One Penny* in like Money.

For every Pail of Butter, *One Penny* in like Money.

For every Firkin or Tub of Butter, *Two Pence* in like Money.

For every Bushel of Salt, Wheat, Grain, Seeds, or any other Thing usually measured, and sold by the Bushel, *One Half-penny* in like Money.

For every full Pipe or full Hogshead, *Four Shillings* in like Money.

For every Inch Board, *One Penny* in like Money.

For every Board of one Inch and an Half, *One Penny Half-penny* in like Money.

For every Waggon, *Five Shillings* in like Money.

For every Pair of Cart-Wheels, *Eighteen Pence* in like Money.

For every Cupboard, Press for Cloaths, or Writing-Desk, *Three Shillings* in like Money.

For every full Trunk or Chest, *One Shilling* in like Money.

For every empty Trunk or Chest, *Nine Pence* in like Money.

For every Half Barrel of Flour, or any other Half Barrel, *Three Pence* in like Money.

For every Barrel of Bread, *Six Pence* in like Money.

For every Bag of Bread, *One Penny Half-penny* in like Money.

For every Gammon of Bacon, Turkey or Goose, *One Half-penny* in like Money.

For every Hundred of Eggs, *Three Eggs*, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Number.

For every Dunghill Fowl, Brant, Duck, Heath-Hen or Rabbit, *One Farthing* in like Money.

For

For every Dozen of Pigeons, Quails or Snipes, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Dozen of smaller Birds, *One Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Hundred Weight of Iron, Steel, Shot, Pewter or Lead, and of
Iron, Copper or Brass Kettles or Pots, *Six Pence* in like Money, and so
in that Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.
For every Hundred Weight of Gun-Powder, *One Shilling* in like Money.
For every Sythe or Sith, *One Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Firkin of Soap, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Cheese, *One Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Corn Fan, *Three Pence* in like Money.
For every Hundred of Shingles, *Six Pence* in like Money.
For every Cedar Bolt, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every common Bag of Cotton-Wool, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Bale of Cotton-Wool or Hops, *Eighteen Pence* in like Money.
For every Coach, *Six Shillings* in like Money.
For every Chaife, *Three Shillings* in like Money.
For every single Sleigh, *Eighteen Pence* in like Money.
For every double Sleigh, *Two Shillings* in like Money.
For every Piece of Ozenbrigs, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Piece of Blankets or Duffils, *Eighteen Pence* in like Money.
For every Piece of Cotton, Penniflone, Flannel or Frize, *Four Pence* in like
Money.
For every Piece of Broad-Cloth, Kersey, Strouds, Halfthicks and Druggets,
Three Pence in like Money.
For every Piece of Wadding, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Piece of Duroys, Calamincos, Shalloons, or other Stuff, and for
every Piece of Garlix, Holland, or other Linnen, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every empty Firkin or Pail, *One Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Side of Sole-Leather, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Side of Upper-Leather, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Hundred Weight of Bever, Raccoon-Skins, or Cat's, *Nine Pence* in
like Money, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.
For every half Dozen of Hats, *One Penny Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Dozen of Fish, called *Sheephead*, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Hundred Weight of Dying-Wood, *Eight Pence* in like Money, and
so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.
For every Hundred Weight of Copperas, Allom or Brimstone, *Six Pence* in
like Money, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.
For every Chair, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every half Dozen Pair of Wool-Cards, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Saddle without a Horse, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Rug, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Gun, *One Penny* in like Money.
For every Spade, *One Half-penny* in like Money.
For every Caf with Bottles, *Three Pence* in like Money.
For every Looking-Glass of Two Foot high and upwards, *Four Pence* in like
Money.
For every Looking-Glass of One Foot high, *Two Pence* in like Money.
For every Hundred Weight of Rice, *Two Pence* in like Money, and so in
Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.
For every Warming-Pan, *One Penny Half-penny* in like Money. And,
For every Frying-Pan, *One Half-penny* in like Money.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all
other Merchandise, Goods, Commodities and Things whatsoever,
not here enumerated and specified in this Act, shall pay for the Ferriage*

and

and Transportation thereof, from *New-York* to *Nassau Island*, or from *Nassau Island* to *New-York*, in Proportion to the Rates above specified and enumerated, for a greater or lesser Weight or Quantity, and not

Penalty on such otherwise : And in Case any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall refuse as refuse to pay hereafter to pay the Rates and Prices of Ferriage, before mentioned, to Ferriage.

the Ferry-Man, for the Time being, pursuant to the Regulation made in this Act ; he, she or they, so refusing, shall forfeit and pay Treble the Rate to which he, she or they, were liable by Virtue of this Act, together with the Charges of recovering the same, upon the Oath of one or more credible Witness, before any of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within this Colony ; who are hereby authorized and required to administer the said Oath, and to give Judgment, and award Execution accordingly : And if any Dispute shall happen to arise hereafter, concerning the Rates and Prices of Ferriage for Goods or Commodities not expressed, and particularly enumerated in this Act, and the Matter be brought before some one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace by the contending Parties ; the said Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and required, to hear and determine the same, so as to him shall appear to be conformable to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and to award Costs against the Person in Default.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if the Ferry-Man of the said Ferry between *New-York* and *Nassau Island*, shall neglect or refuse to come and go with the Ferry-Boats, to and*

Penalty on the Ferry-Man for not landing at the Place appointed. from such Place or Places in the City of *New-York*, as now are, or hereafter, from Time to Time, shall be appointed and prescribed unto him for Landing-Places, by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City (Wind and Weather permitting) shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* ; to be recovered in Manner as aforesaid, and paid to the Treasurer of the said City, for the Time being, to be applied towards defraying the publick Charges of the same : And if from and after the Publication of this Act, the

Ferry-Man, for the Time being, his Servant or Servants, shall demand, impose, exact and take, any greater, or other Rates for transporting of Persons, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, or other Things whatsoever, over the said Ferry, than is herein before limitted, appointed and established ; he or they, or any of them, so offending in the Premises,

Penalty on the Ferry-man for taking more than allowed by this Act. shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* ; one Moiety thereof to the Party grieved, or other Person who shall prosecute and sue for the same ; and the other Moiety thereof to the Treasurer of the said City, for the Time being, to be applied and recovered in Manner and Form as aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Ferry-Man for the Time being, shall not impose, exact, demand or receive any Rates or Ferriages for any Goods or Things whatsoever,

Persons by the Water-side may transport their own Goods in their own Boats. transported by any of the Inhabitants living alongst the River at and near the Ferry on *Nassau-Island*, in their own Boats or Canoes, *That Goods is to say, Between the Places commonly called and known by the Names of Kyckout and Red-Hook*, provided the said Goods and Commodities be properly their own, and not belonging to any other Person

son or Persons whomsoever ; but in case any such Inhabitant, under Colour or Pretence of transporting his or her own Goods *only*, shall transport and carry, or bring over the said Ferry, the Goods of *any* other Person or Persons, of what Kind soever, for Hire, Reward, or without, and thereof be convicted before any of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, by the Oath of one or more credible Witness, which Justices are hereby authorized and required to administer such Oath, and to give Judgment and award Execution ; such Inhabitant or Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Ferry-man of the aforesaid Ferry, for the Time being, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, current Money of this Colony, with Costs of Suit.

*AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Ferry-Man for the Time being, shall be obliged to paste upon a Board, and hang up in the Porch of the Ferry-House, or at the most publick Place there, fairly in Writing or Printed, a Table of the Rates and Prices of the Ferriage, as the same are hereby established, and that in Default thereof, the Ferryman for the Time being, shall forfeit and pay for every Day he shall refuse, omit or neglect to hang up such Table of the Rates and Prices of Ferriage in Manner as aforesaid, the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, to any Person or Persons who shall sue and prosecute for the same before any of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who are hereby authorized to hear and determine the same, and upon Conviction of the Offence, to award Judgment and Execution accordingly.*

AND be it further Enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a publick Act, and all Judges and Justices are hereby obliged to take Notice of it as such, without special pleading the same.

The Ferry-man to
hang up the Rates
of Ferriages in
publick View.

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